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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/828,759	Applicant(s) LONSWAY, MICHAEL J.	
	Examiner Sue A. Weaver	Art Unit 3781	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 December 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-12,24 and 25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-12,24 and 25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8, 12, 24 and 25 are again rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by or in the alternative under 35 USC 103 as obvious over either Marco '096 or Suzuki et al JP '823, both cited by applicant.

Both Marco and Suzuki et al teach attachment of a neck finish ring to a container neck with radial expansion of the neck, as claimed. Note the discussion by both Marco and Suzuki et al of the ring functioning as the mold surface with both containers being blow molded. Note also the showing in Figure 5 and 6 of Suzuki et al where the inner diameter of the preform neck is radially expanded against the ring.

Members 15 form spaced beads or lugs on Marco received in recesses 21 on the ring. Note also the ribs and grooves shown in Figures 4-6 and also the formations 24 in Figure 7 of Suzuki et al.

2. Claim 7 is again rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the references as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Taylor, Jr. '704, of record.

To have provided the neck or ring with a knurl for retention in the manner taught by Taylor, Jr. at 23 would have been obvious.

3. Claims 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the reference as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Yoshino et al '046, of record.

To have oriented the neck portion with a member forming an anvil in the manner of Yoshio et al would have been obvious.

4. Applicant's arguments filed 12/7/07 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Contrary to applicant's arguments blow molding of the neck by Marco inherently results in radial expansion when the material of the neck is forced into the thread formations of the ring. In similar manner Suzuki et al specifically discusses the radial draw forming of the neck again resulting in and inherent radial expansion. Applicant appears to challenge the fact that the inner portion or diameter of the neck isn't expanded with blow molding although applicant has failed to show any evidence to the contrary. This appears to be more in the nature of opinion. Surely applicant is aware of the expansion of the neck and inner diameter during blow molding processes. Such is well-known in the art and demonstrated by Beck et al '791 (see 13) and Rosenkranz et al '060 (see 15). Furthermore which biaxial orientation blow molding against the ring functioning as a part of the mold as suggested by Marco and clearly demonstrated by Suzuki et al, the inner diameter of the neck would inherently be radially expanded. Claims 3 and 13-23 have been canceled.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sue A. Weaver whose telephone number is (571) 272-4548. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday from 5:30 to 4.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor is Anthony Stashick. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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